

## **ABSTRACT**

A method and system for automatically configuring devices in a network is disclosed. A network management software application is provided that enables a user to associate policy settings with physical locations in the network. During an operational mode of the network management application, the application automatically detects when a network device is plugged into the network, and determines a location of the device in the network. The device is then automatically configured based on the policy settings associated with the corresponding location.

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